

January 9, 2012 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Chairman Kintzer called the regular meeting of the Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Tulpehocken Township Municipal Building. Those attending the regular monthly meeting were John Kintzer, Rick Kramer, Gary Deck, Kathy Boltz, Kris Kerschner, Chris Hartman, Lester Feick, and other interested persons.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Little Swatara Creek Bridge Replacement Project – Thomas Cushman from AECOM attended the meeting to inform the public of the bridge replacement project. The project is preliminary Engineering and waiting for environmental approval. The expected bid date is April 2014 or possibly sooner if funding is available. The scope of the project is to replace the narrow 3 span bridge with a span bridge with a 4 foot shoulder on each side and 250 feet of work on each side of the bridge. The project will require a detour and should be done in one construction season. Signs for the detour will be placed in advance. The bridge carries about 4000 vehicles per day.

Herb Zechman, Board of Supervisor from Bethel Township, is concerned with the proposed project detour and how it will affect the response for the ambulance when it is called out. He questioned if a bypass had been considered. The response from Mr. Cushman was that the wet lands restrict permitting for a bypass.

There was also concern about the truck traffic with the detour, Chief Kerschner commented that he can notify the local trucking companies of the detour and request that the drivers follow the detour.

The project display and questioner for residents was left in the meeting room for residence to review and submit any concerns they may have.

Steven Zablocki – Mr. Zablocki resides at 171 Deck Road for 7 years and commented that he works hard to keep his property nice. Mr. Zablocki stated that he filed a written complaint in the Township office for the property across from his driveway, 176 Deck Road. The complaint is that the trash cans lie out at the street; grass is high and has not been mowed in seven months. He shared photos of the property with the Board. Chairman John Kintzer told Zablocki that the Board will look into the issue and will send out code enforcement if there is a problem.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rick Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting. John Kintzer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote. Rick Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2012 reorganization meeting. Gary Deck second the motion upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Planning Commission Recommendations to the Board

No recommendations from the Planning Commission

Insurance Reimbursement – Chairman John Kintzer made an announcement regarding action taken resulting from an executive session held December 12, 2011. Based on the opinion of our solicitor and legal advisor, proof was presented that shows the Township owed Ron Whitmoyer reimbursement for one more month of health insurance premium. As a result Mr. Whitmoyer was issued a check in the amount of \$322.18 which brings the total amount of reimbursements paid to Mr. Whitmoyer to \$14,392.41.

Solicitor Legal Discussions

Solicitor had nothing in addition at this time and asked the Board to enter into an executive session to discuss the previous announced insurance reimbursement either now or at the end of the meeting. Chairman John Kintzer agreed to discuss at the end of the meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Report –Kris Kerschner read the December 2011 Police report as follows:

Activity	Tulpehocken Twp.	Strausstown Borough	Marion Twp.
Miles Patrolled	1984	114	825
Gallons of Fuel	198	0	0
Hours of Work	350	20	60
Total Incidents	4	0	0
Complaints	3	0	5
Follow-up Investigations	2	0	1
Telephone Assignments	13	1	7
Comm/Residential to Alarms	0	0	2
EMS/Fire Advisory	6	0	8
Traffic Stops	10	1	10
Citations Issued	10	1	10
Non-traffic Citations	3	0	0
Traffic Warnings	2	0	1
Parking Tickets	1	0	0
Traffic Accidents	3	0	1
DUI Arrests	0	0	0
Misdemeanor/Felony	1	0	0
Security Checks	128	71	66
Police Assists	8	2	0
Motorists Assists	0	0	0
Court Appearances	2	0	0
School Hours	0	0	0

Chief Kerschner commented that the Police Officers will be attending the annual classes on law updates at the Reading Police Academy and that the Lions Club of Rehrersburg is planning a movie night and will be sending out invitations to the residents.

Road Master's Report – Lester Feick read the December 2011 report. The work consisted of getting snow equipment ready, sewer repairs, maintenance, sign repairs, cleaning gutters on road, shop work, and working on equipment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dutch Valley EDU Purchase – At the December 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting Larry Martin from Dutch Valley requested and additional eight edu's for the addition to the warehouse. Mr. Martin notified the Board of Supervisors via email that he is reducing the request to four and that the four edu's will continue to be for domestic type flows and will not include food processing waste. The Board had reviewed the current agreements with Dutch Valley and questioned if the on lot septic system had been abandon. The Solicitor commented that DEP regulated industrial discharge differently and the township has the obligation to enforce at the local level. The township rules and regulations have rules on industrial users. The Solicitor recommended sampling the discharge from Dutch Valley. If comingling discharge waste then install sampling pit and do periodic sampling.

John Kintzer made a motion to authorize Ludgate Engineering to investigate if Dutch Valley abandoned the on lot septic system. Rick Kramer second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Uniform Construction Code County Wide Appeals Board – The Township currently has its own Board (Barry Wessner, Dale Stump, and Alan Bashore), the Board of Supervisors decided to keep the Uniform Construction Appeals Board the same and not participate with the county.

Police Regionalization – Herb Zechman, Supervisor from Bethel Township, asked the Tulpehocken Board Members if they will meet with the Bethel Supervisors to discuss a Police Regionalization. All three Tulpehocken Board members agreed to meet and asked Mr. Zechman to propose some dates for the meeting. Mr. Zechman will notify this Board of some possible dates to meet.

CORRESPONDENCE

Certification of Uncollected Real Estate Taxes – Tax Collector, Lori Deck submitted the Certification of Uncollected Real Estate Taxes for calendar year 2011. Chairman, John Kintzer and Secretary Treasurer, Kathy Boltz signed the certification.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Account Balances for the end of December 2011 were as follows:

General Account	217,100.60
FNB Fredericksburg Holding Account	8,582.41
General Plus Account	198,571.35
State Aid Account	592.86
State Plus Account	11,196.92
Street Light Account	6,155.23

Rick Kramer made a motion to approve the payments of the bills for this January 9, 2012 meeting. Gary Deck second the motion, upon a roll call vote all three Board Members cast a yes vote.

Payments of Bills for this January 9, 2012 meeting are:

General Account combined with the payroll account- Checks #13334 to #13362 in the amount of \$28,459.48
 Street Light Account – Check #297 in the amount of \$1,336.11
 State Liquid Fuels Account –
 Camp Calvary Land Dev. Escrow –
 Camp Calvary Inspection Escrow –
 Martin Poultry Operation Inspection Escrow –
 Stormwater Inspection Escrow –
 Total Expenses for this meeting – \$29,795.59

Sewer Accounts balances for the end of December 2011 are as follows:

Sewer Operation Account – \$7,591.30
 Balance in the Sewer Holding Account - \$556.61
 Debt Service Account - \$422,665.34

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this January 9, 2012 meeting are:
 Check #1030 to #1042 in the amount of \$9,671.93

Rick Kramer made a motion to approve payment of the sewer bills motion second by Gary Deck. Upon a roll-call vote, all three Board members cast a yes vote on the motion.

At this time, 8:35 p.m., an executive session was held for personnel discussion. The Board and the Township Solicitor returned to the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 10:13 p.m. Rick Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was second by Gary Deck. Upon a roll call vote, all three Board members cast a yes vote on the motion, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Boltz

Secretary, Tulpehocken Township